

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 6-21 remain pending in the application.

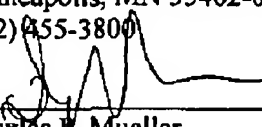
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group 13, claims 1-3, 6-11, and 19-20, with traverse. Applicants respectfully contend that the present claims have unity of invention at least in view of the special technical feature of the S4 cleavage site, which was not recognized in the literature prior to the present application. Applicants moreover respectfully suggest that, if this argument is not accepted, at least the Sequences 10-18, which represent human amino acid sequences, could be examined together without undue burden.

Early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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